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SUBJECT : AUTOMOTIVE AGREEMENT: SENATE MOVE TO ABROGATE
PREDICTED.

1. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL APRIL 17 FRONT PAGES STORY, ATTRIBUTED TO WELL- PLACED CONGRESSIONAL SOURCE, THAT SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE THIS FALL LIKELY TO AMEND TRADE REFORM BILL TO ABROGATE OR LIMIT TERM OF AUTO PACT UNLESS GOC AGREES TO REMOVE " SAFEGUARDS". ARTICLE, BY ROSS MUNRO, NOTES THIS " THREAT" COINCIDES WITH REPORTS GOC HAS OFFERED COMPROMISE PROPOSAL TO PHASE OUT SAFEGUARDS. (REFERS TO DISCUSSION " LATE LAST MONTH" OF THIS MATTER BETWEEN MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE GILLESPIE AND TREASURY SHULTZ.) SAYS UNNAMED USG OFFICIAL REFUSED TO CONFIRM IF COMPROMISE OFFERED BY GOC BUT SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF BREAKTHROUGH IN NEGOTIATIONS " IN FIVE OR SIX WEEKS".

2. MUNRO ARTICLE STRESSES ANTI- PACT SENTIMENT IN FINANCE COMMITTEE WITH EMPHASIS ON ELIMINATION OF MANUFACTURERS' EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE TO IMPORT DUTY FREE. SAYS CONGRESSIONAL SOURCE SUGGESTED SUCH MOVE SHOULD APPEAL TO CANADIAN NATIONALISTS SINCE MAJOR BENEFICIARY WOULD BE CANADIAN CONSUMER.

3. MUNRO STORY HAS STIMULATED QUERIES TO WHICH WE HAVE REPLIED THAT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION.
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